

The Gospel of Luke Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36

Suggested Memory Verse: Proverbs 19:11

1. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Proactive** (vs.27-28)
Christ *commands* that we love our enemies in word and deed. It is the responsibility of every believer to be prepared to obey Christ by loving his or her enemies.
2. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Reactive** (vs.29-30)
Having already prepared to love our enemies, every Christian should endeavor to be repetitive and resilient in responding to hatred with love.
3. A Disciple's Standard of Love is to be **Reflective** (v.31)
The golden rule is the essence and fulfillment of God's commands for how men are to treat one another (cf. Matt 7:12).
4. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Distinctive** (vs.32-34)
While it is a good thing to do, there is nothing distinctively Christian or distinctively loving about showing love and kindness to those who treat us in the same way.
5. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Altruistic** (v.35a)
The Christian is to love in such a way that he or she genuinely does not expect to be repaid in turn.
6. A Disciple's Love of Enemies will be **Rewarded** (v.35b)
As Christians, we do not expect our enemies to reciprocate the love that we have shown to them, but we continue to love them knowing that God Himself will abundantly reward the faithful. One of those rewards is that we will be known as His children.
7. A Disciple's Love of Enemies has been **Modeled** (vs.35c-36)
God Himself and the way in which He has acted should motivate our obedience to His commands.
 - A. He is **Merciful** (Luke 6:36)
 - B. He is **Perfect** (Matt 5:48)
 - C. He is **Holy** (Lev 19:2)
 - D. He is **Love** (1 John 4:7-8)
 - E. He is **Self-Giving** (Phil 2:3-8)